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Native American Cultural Workshops at the Nabb Research Center

Chief Dawn Manyfeathers speaks to basket weavers at the November workshop.

In November, the Nabb Research Center hosted two pine needle basket weaving workshops in celebration of Native American History Month. The classes in traditional Indian weaving were led by Chief Dawn Manyfeathers of the Lenapehauken Educational and Research Center. This organization is committed to educating communities on the Eastern Shore about Eastern Woodland Indians. The workshops were such a success, that the Nabb Research Center is in the process of organizing additional workshops in the upcoming months. Look for announcements in future newsletters for workshops in Native American medicinal, beadworking and gourd making practices. The Nabb Research Center is pleased to offer this type of programming which helps to preserve and educate the local community about Native American culture and folkways.

January Closings!

January 15
Board Meeting

January 18 & 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

History Minute on WBOC

Director Becky Miller in the WBOC studio preparing for a "History Minute" appearance.

Have you noticed a familiar face on WBOC's Tuesday noon newscast? Nabb Research Center Director Becky Miller has been sharing "History Minute" duty with Rob Withey, Nabb Research Center board member and Wicomico County Historical Society president. Miller appears on the program two Tuesdays a month to talk about local history. Since her debut in November, Miller has featured several items from the Nabb Research Center's collections. For the holidays, Miller talked about *The Squire's Recipes*, a wonderful 18th century book in the Nabb Research Center's rare books collection. In 1784, the Squire a.k.a. Calvin Manning, published the "compounds" for 12 of the "most Famous Toddies." The yuletide recipe shown by Miller for "Squire's Punch" was surprisingly sophisticated and could easily be served by a modern hostess.

"Take an earthen vessel and put into it the thin peel of twelve lemons and six oranges. Pour a pint of boiling water over them and let the mixture stand one hour. Then strain it into a punch bowl and add thereto some light brown sugar to taste. Add to this the juice of twenty-four lemons and six oranges, two quarts of Jamaica rum, two quarts of brandy, two quarts of Sauterne wine and one quart of tea, made from one ounce of Oolong. Place into this concoction strawberries, pineapples, cherries or other seasonable fruits, and a large piece of ice, and if desired, from two to three quarts of water. And remember that the punch weakens proportionate to the melting of the ice."

Membership Renewals

Don't forget to renew your Nabb Research Center membership for 2003. Memberships run on the calendar year and are due for renewal each January. A renewal form was enclosed with your December 2002 newsletter. If you need a renewal form, visit our Web site at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu or call the Center at 410-543-6312. You don't want to miss any of the great benefits of membership including unlimited visits to the Nabb Research Center and our bi-annual members edition newsletter. The March newsletter edition will feature Delmarva's Native American heritage.

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Upcoming Events at the Nabb Research Center

Monday, January 27, 2003
Open House, Noon-7 p.m.
The Nabb Research Center hosts an open house to kick-off the new Veteran's display "The Heritage of Our Liberty: Delmarva Defenders from WWI to the Present" and to celebrate the Center's new archival "wing." Stop by to see what's new at the Center and to help us honor the contributions of Delmarva's veterans to our nation. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, February 11, 2003, 4 p.m.
"Is Africa My Home?: The Debate About the Colonization of Maryland Blacks in the 19th Century" - Lecture
Maryland Humanities Council Speakers' Bureau member Dr. Deborah Newman Ham discusses the movement in Maryland during the antebellum era to resettle free people of color in Africa. Ham explores issues of race in the antebellum U.S. as well as reactions of African-Americans to colonization. The lecture will take place in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Free and open to the public, sign language interpretation available upon request.

Tuesday, March 11, 2003, 3 p.m.
"My Business Was to Fight the Devil" - Lecture
Rev. Joseph DiPaolo will discuss his book *My Business Was to Fight the Devil.* DiPaolo tells the story of the Eastern Shore Methodist circuit rider Adam Wallace, locally well-known as the biographer of Joshua Thomas, "The Parson of the Islands," who was active in the antebellum and Civil War eras. The event will take place at the Nabb Research Center and is free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 5, 2003, 1 p.m.
"The Archaeology of Old Somerset: Life on the Manokin in the 17th Century"? - Lecture
In celebration of Maryland Archaeology Month, Dr. Elizabeth Ragan, SU anthropology professor, will discuss the findings from the archaeological dig conducted by SU students this summer in Somerset County. The lecture will take place at the Nabb Research Center and is free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 5, 2003, 1 p.m.
"The Teackles in Flesh and Bone" - Lecture
In celebration of Preservation Month, local decorative arts dealer William Germain will discuss his recent work to document and uncover the life of Littleton Dennis Teackle. A prominent 19th century Somerset County resident, Teackle led a fascinating life establishing connections with many important figures of his day including President James Madison. The lecture will take place at the Nabb Research Center and is free and open to the public.